Police-doctor nexus on postmortem

1618. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that police doctor nexus for faking postmortem has been exposed in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what positive steps Government is taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Maintenance of Law & order being a State subject, no such information is maintained Centrally. In so far as three Central Government hospitals in Delhi, namely, Dr. R.M.L. Hosiptal, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & its associated hospitals are concerned, no police-doctor nexus has been reported for faking postmortem.

Supply of drugs for RCH Programme

1619. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi based Nestor Pharmaceutical and Mumbai based Pure Pharma which secured majority of pharmaceutical contracts under Reproductive and Child Health Project and Child Survival and Safe Motherhood project of World Bank, failed to deliver quantities of drugs and even diluted the drugs they supplied, as per investigation of the World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken against those firms which have cheated the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The World Bank has shared with us a report in 2005, regarding their review of Bank funded RCH-I project (project period 1999 to 2005) which was over by 2005.

The Report of the World Bank contained some allegations of general nature like the number of bids per contract going down over the years; a large percentage of contracts being awarded to two pharmaceuticals firms *viz.* M/s Nestor Pharmaceuticals and M/s Pure Pharmaceuticals as well as a few specific ones like collusion of some companies in the tender process and companies taking part in the tender after obtaining false experience certificates from other companies including some PSUs.

This Department immediately got the allegations scrutinized and based on this scrutiny the following actions were taken:

(a) Suspended business with two firms *viz.* M/s Nestor Pharmaceuticals and M/s. Pure Pharma in July, 2005 on charges of reported collusion. Later on, the World Bank also invoked sanctions against these companies in July, 2007;